

Amendment No. 14 to HB0995

**Durham
Signature of Sponsor**

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1171

House Bill No. 995*

by inserting the following new section immediately preceding the last section and renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309, is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subsections:

() It shall be a defense to prosecution under this section if a person possessing a handgun, who is authorized to carry a handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351, carries the handgun onto public property not owned or operated by a board of education, school, college or university board of trustees, regents, or directors, and the property is not being used by a board of education, school, college or university board of trustees, regents, or directors for the administration of any public or private educational institution at the time the person possessed the handgun on the property.

() It shall be a defense to prosecution under this section if a person possessing a handgun, who is authorized to carry a handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351, is reasonably unaware that a property on which the person is carrying the handgun is being used by a board of education, school, college or university board of trustees, regents, or directors for the administration of any public or private educational institution; provided that, if the person possessing the handgun becomes aware that such an activity is taking place, then the person possessing the handgun shall take reasonable steps to comply with the law.